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THREE MEXICAN CITIZENS INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Mexican men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, of illegally re-entering the United States after being deported or removed from the country.

* Julio Torres-Flores, 28, a citizen of Mexico, was charged with illegal re-entry in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. According to the indictment, **Torres-Flores** was found in Wright County, Mo., on May 16, 2004, after having been deported.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* Ricardo Sicairos-Hermosilio, 26, a citizen of Mexico, was charged with illegal reentry in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. According to the indictment, Sicairos-Hermosilio was found in Springfield, Mo., on May 12, 2004, after having been removed from the United States.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

* Olegario Villareal, 24, of Bloomington, Calif., was charged in a superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Villareal was originally indicted, along with five co-defendants, for participating in a conspiracy to distribute in excess of 500 grams of methamphetamine in Jasper County from February 2004 to May 6, 2004. **Villareal** was also charged with being in possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in Newton County, Mo., on April 15, 2004.

Today's superseding indictment includes an additional charge against **Villareal**. According to the indictment, **Villareal** was found in Newton County on April 15, 2004, after having been previously deported.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Jasper County Drug Task Force and the Newton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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